From: Association of Deputy District Attorneys
To: Kutches, Brandon (SHF)
Subject: Monday Morning Memo for December 10, 2018
Date: Monday, December 10, 2018 7:36:07 AM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Click here Having trouble viewing this email?

Courts / Rulings

California says feds still withholding public-safety grants
The Trump administration is inventing new excuses to sidestep an injunction and cut off grant funds to California for refusing to help deport immigrants, the state claims in a newly filed motion. "These crude attempts to sabotage California law enforcement are dangerous and risk the safety of our communities," California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said in a statement Thursday morning.
Courthouse News Service

Beverly Hills settles with police captain for $2.3 million
A Beverly Hills Police Department Captain who said he was effectively stripped of his responsibilities and rank because of his age and religion - agreed to settle his lawsuit against the city and its police chief for $2.3-million. Capt. Mark Rosen said in legal filings his role in the department was marginalized after he and other officers allegedly heard Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli make insensitive remarks about Jews, Catholics, and lesbians.
NBC4

Gauging ability to pay probation fee can't be delegated to probation officer - C.A.
The First District Court of Appeal has reversed an order that a man pay a monthly "probation supervision fee" of up to $75 because the trial court judge delegated to the probation officer the court's own duty of determining how much the defendant had an ability to pay. Presiding Justice J. Anthony Kline of Div. Two wrote the opinion, filed Friday.
Metropolitan News-Enterprise

Supreme Court to consider case that could affect potential Manafort prosecutions
The Supreme Court next week takes up the case of a small-time Alabama felon, Terance Gamble, who complains that his convictions by state and federal prosecutors for the same gun possession crime violate constitutional protections against double jeopardy. But likely to be watching the proceedings closely will be those concerned about a big-time felon, Republican consultant and former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, who was prosecuted by special counsel Robert S. Mueller III for tax fraud.
Washington Post

Appeals court dismisses suit over Capitol's removal of student painting showing cops as pigs
A federal appeals court has dismissed a lawsuit over the removal of a controversial painting from a U.S. Capitol art competition in 2016 - a work that depicted police officers as pigs victimizing an African-American neighborhood. David Pulphus, the high school student artist, and Rep. William Clay, D-Missouri, whose district sponsored the particular artwork, had brought the suit, saying their First Amendment rights were

violated when the painting was permanently removed from public view.
Fox News

Ordinary standard of care applies in UCLA stabbing case
The Court of Appeal for this district has adopted the ordinary negligence standard of care in a case against UCLA brought by a former student claiming the university should have prevented the 2009 stabbing of her by another student in a chemistry lab. The opinion, filed Monday, was written by Justice Laurie D. Zelon of Div. Seven.
Metropolitan News-Enterprise

Court rules that encouraging illegal immigration is protected by First Amendment
A federal appeals court on Tuesday struck down a portion of federal law that makes it a crime to encourage illegal immigration, ruling that the statute violates the First Amendment. "Criminalizing expression like this threatens almost anyone willing to weigh in on the debate," Judge A. Wallace Tashima wrote in his opinion for the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals,
Politico reported.
The Hill

C.A. overturns man's assault convictions, extolls 64-year-old Williamson rule
The Fourth District Court of Appeal has reversed the conviction of a man on two counts of assault with a deadly weapon based on shining a laser into a police helicopter cockpit because the conduct is the subject of a specific statute. Acting Presiding Justice William W. Bedsworth delivered Div. Three's opinion Tuesday, applying and praising a rule derived from the 1954 Supreme Court case In re Williamson.
Metropolitan News-Enterprise

Supreme Court upholds lawyer's free speech against N.D. Bar Association, citing union case
On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court freed a lawyer from subsidizing speech he disagrees with, citing the key First Amendment case Janus v. AFSCME, which freed non-union members from having to pay ostensibly non-political "agency fees" to unions they refused to join. The Court applied this same rule to a lawyer who wished to opt out of supporting a state bar association that opposes his own political views.
PJ Media

Judge gives trial nod to LAPD sergeant's military discrimination suit
A veteran Los Angeles police sergeant who sued the city, alleging he was denied promotions in retaliation for taking time off to fulfill military obligations, can take his case to trial, a judge ruled Wednesday. Sgt. Chad Lewis' Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit alleges retaliation and discrimination based on military status. He is seeking unspecified

damages.
My News LA

Prosecutors / Prosecutions

Golden State Killer suspect to keep public defender
A suspected California serial killer cannot afford a private attorney, a judge ruled Thursday, keeping in place a public defender in a case expected to cost taxpayers $20 million. Joseph DeAngelo, a former police officer facing 26 murder and kidnapping charges, could be required to reimburse the county to the extent he is able after the trial, Judge Michael Sweet said in Sacramento Superior Court.
AP

Case against man charged in LA synagogue ramming attack suspended
Officials say criminal proceedings against a Seattle man accused of trying to run over two Jewish men outside a Los Angeles synagogue have been suspended amid questions about his mental competency. The Los Angeles Times on Friday cited records that show Mohamed Abdi Mohamed was diagnosed with schizophrenia in 2015.
AP

Citing self defense, DA won't charge Lakewood planning commissioner with shooting stepson
A Lakewood planning commissioner won't be charged with a crime for shooting his stepson in the leg after he was "almost beaten to unconsciousness" by the stepson, prosecutors decided earlier this month. Robert Quarto, 62, shot his 32-year-old stepson on Sept. 19 after the stepson threatened to kill him, according to a Nov. 15 memo from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office.
Long Beach Post

Man charged with assaulting two women at Cal State Northridge
A 26-year-old man was charged today with assaulting two women a day apart this week at Cal State Northridge. Criminal proceedings against Peter Wei were suspended after a defense attorney declared a doubt about the Northridge man's mental competency, according to Paul Eakins of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.
City News Service

Was this 'creepy' Los Angeles sex-crimes cop a serial predator?
A veteran Los Angeles Sheriff's Department detective was charged last week with tying up and raping a 14-year-old girl whose case he was investigating. The arrest of Neil Kimball, a seasoned sex-crimes investigator, sent shockwaves through the law-enforcement community -especially when it was revealed that he had already been accused of sexual misconduct years earlier.
Daily Beast

Law Enforcement

Thousand Oaks mass shooting: Sheriff's sergeant was killed by friendly fire, authorities say
A sheriff's sergeant who responded to a mass shooting last month at the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks was killed by friendly fire from a California Highway Patrol officer's weapon during a shootout with the suspect, authorities announced Friday. At a morning press conference, Ventura County Sheriff Bill Ayub said Sgt. Ron Helus was struck five times by bullets from the suspect and a sixth time by a round from the CHP officer's AR-type rifle.
ABC7

Tesla apparently on Autopilot pulled over with drunk, sleeping driver behind the wheel, police say
A Tesla was stopped by police in California early on Friday morning... literally. The driver in the car had nothing to do with it. In fact, he was allegedly drunk and asleep at the time. The California Highway Patrol said officers spotted the Tesla Model S cruising along U.S. 101 in Redwood City at 3:37 a.m. with what appeared to be a dozing driver behind the wheel.
Fox News

MS-13 gang member, convicted killer arrested after coming to U.S. alongside migrant caravan: Border Patrol
A killer convicted in Honduras and an MS-13 gang member also from Honduras were arrested in California last weekend after crossing the border illegally, Border Patrol said Friday. The two are being held up by federal authorities as examples of some of the criminals who have traveled through Mexico to the border with Central American caravans hoping to enter the U.S., many through the asylum process.
Los Angeles Times

Man dragged to death while trying to stop carjacking
Authorities Sunday are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a man who was fatally injured when he left his vehicle running in front of a business in Lawndale and was killed when he was dragged, while holding onto the vehicle's passenger door as the suspects drove it away. Deputies dispatched at 8:25 p.m. Saturday to a business in the 4400 block of Redondo Beach Boulevard found the man suffering from trauma.
City News Service

Suspects slash throat of LA auto shop owner in brutal attack
A Los Angeles auto shop owner is fighting for his life after his throat was slashed in a vicious attack and robbery. The attack happened Friday around 6:20 p.m. at N&W Auto repair near Pico Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue. Police and family members say two men burst into the shop

and attacked and robbed owner Walter Samson.
ABC7

African-American mural vandalized with swastikas; Los Angeles police treating as hate crime
An African-American mural in Los Angeles has been vandalized with swastikas in an act the Los Angeles Police Department said it's treating as a hate crime. The white swastikas were painted over the faces of four female figures from the Black Panther movement, part of the "Our Mighty Contribution" mural in the city's Crenshaw District.
ABC News

Woman accused of kidnapping, robbing, sexually assaulting bar patron while posing as a police officer in Tustin
Police arrested a woman Thursday who they say kidnapped, robbed and sexually assaulted another woman at a Tustin bar while pretending to be a police officer. Denise Christine Latta, 54, of Huntington Beach was booked on suspicion of kidnapping, robbery, sexual battery, false imprisonment and impersonating a police officer, the Tustin Police Department said in a written statement.
KTLA

Shooting threat, swastika found scrawled in bathroom at Cal State Northridge
Police increased patrols Thursday on the Cal State Northridge campus after a shooting threat and a swastika was found scrawled on a bathroom wall in Sierra Hall, the second incident of hate language in the building in the past week. The threat read "Mass shooting in Sierra Hall 12/12/18" with the swastika below. "Late last week, we had similar hate language in this same building," CSUN Chief of Police Anne Glavin said.
My News LA

Wheels of justice rolling toward resolution of infamous SF car break-in case
Most of what happens at San Francisco's Hall of Justice boils down to a whole lot of nothing. Witnesses wait in the halls for hours or days to be called to testify. Attorneys appear in court for the sole purpose of agreeing on the next time they'll appear in court. The wheels of justice, in other words, move painfully slowly. But they do grind away, and sometimes, a fair outcome emerges.
San Francisco Chronicle

Criminal Justice / Public Safety

With Trump's Justice Department retreating, who will now police the police?
Last month, a video was released of two police officers in Elkhart, Indiana, repeatedly punching a handcuffed man in the face. The episode was just the latest in a long-troubled Police Department where nearly all

of its supervisors have disciplinary records. This is the sort of problem that Congress sought to address in 1994 when it authorized the Justice Department to overhaul troubled local police agencies under court-monitored consent decrees.
ProPublica

'Entertainers must use their power and public visibility' toward incarceration reform
Ending mass incarceration requires a groundswell of public awareness and action. There is a strategy to make it happen; contrary to popular belief, everyone, including those in entertainment, has a role to play. The facts bear repeating. The U.S. has 5% of the world's population, but nearly 25% of its prisoners. Studies show increasing incarceration has little effect on reducing crime.
Variety

California's historic drop in arrests still imperils blacks: Report
California is seeing a historic drop in arrests that still leaves blacks far more likely to wind up in handcuffs, particularly in San Francisco Bay Area counties, according to a report released Monday by the nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California. The arrest rate statewide dropped nearly 60 percent since its peak in 1989. Three-fourths of the long-term drop involves misdemeanors, particularly for traffic and alcohol-related violations.
NBC4

California arrest rates at historic lows, racial disparities still wide
California arrest rates have plummeted to numbers not seen in decades, but a stark racial disparity remains in place as black people were still three times as likely as whites to be arrested in 2016, according to a new report. Researchers for the nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California found that African Americans are highly overrepresented in arrests, accounting for 16.3 percent of those taken into custody in 2016 while making up just 5.7 percent of the overall population.
San Francisco Chronicle

In major change, Calif. sheriff will now release OIS videos
In a major change in policy, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department announced Monday it will begin releasing videos of officer-involved shootings and other critical incidents involving its deputies. The move, which came on the eve of what was expected to be a contentious public hearing about the sheriff before the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, was accompanied by the release of video showing the events preceding the death of Marshall Miles, an unarmed 36-year-old black man who was arrested Oct. 28 and fell into a coma in the jail after struggling with deputies during booking.
PoliceOne

Who wants to be a police officer? Job applications plummet at

most U.S. departments.
Chuck Wexler talks to police chiefs frequently, as head of the Police Executive Research Forum think tank in Washington. Recently, he asked a roomful of chiefs to raise their hands if they wanted their children to follow them into a law enforcement career. Not one hand went up, he said. Nationwide, interest in becoming a police officer is down significantly. In Nashville, job applications dropped from 4,700 in 2010 to 1,900 last year.
Washington Post

Prop 47, 57 & AB 109

Will politicians reform California's worst pro-criminal, anti-victim laws?
As we noted, in San Francisco last year criminals pulled off nearly 30,000 car break-ins and police made arrests in only 1.7 percent of the cases. This is the legacy of Proposition 47, the 2014 Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes initiative, which would have been better titled the Theft Empowerment Act. To charge an offender with felony burglary, the law requires prosecutors to prove that a car's doors were locked, a requirement both perverse and impractical.
The Beacon

Vehicles stolen from Red Bluff dealership
Earlier this week, two full-size pickup trucks were stolen from the car dealership on Adobe Road. A Ram 1500 Quad Cab that was lifted with steel bumpers and a Ram 2500 Mega Cab were stolen off the lot of Red Bluff Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram. Both vehicles were dark grey 2018 models. Fleet Manager Joe Johnson said the team noticed the vehicles missing from the 700-car lot. "We have live security, we've got cameras," Johnson said. "They're pretty bold."
Chico Enterprise-Record

Offering a window into normalcy, community
With brightly-colored chairs, Legos and children's books placed throughout a clean space, some of the family reunification rooms at the Maple Street Correctional Center in Redwood City might look like any other room equipped to provide child care. But for the inmates cleared to see their children and loved ones for "contact" visits, the rooms offer the only opportunity an inmate might have to hug a parent, sibling or child while they are serving time without a glass window separating them.
The Daily Journal

Some murder convictions may be overturned because of offenders age at time of offense
Earlier this week, 17 News broke the story that a convicted killer once serving life without parole could have his conviction vacated because he was 17 when he was sentenced as an adult. Kern County prosecutors

say it's rocking the legal system following the passage of Prop 57 in 2016.
KGET

Multiple armed robberies, burglaries hit Ventura, several arrests made
The city of Ventura has been the epicenter of a string of armed robberies and burglaries in 2018, and police are working to solve them, with several arrests made thus far. In July, robberies involved advanced burgling techniques, including cutting power to surveillance and alarm systems, at two jewelry stores located on Main Street in downtown Ventura.
VC Reporter

Convictions / Sentences

Pimp's hookers young as 13: Three strikes felon's 281 years in prison
An ex-con who trafficked teenage girls as young as 13 for commercial sex was sentenced Tuesday to 281 years to life in state prison. In sentencing Raylonzo Roberts, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert J. Perry said he perceived the 43-year-old defendant as a "danger to society." The crimes involving eight victims occurred at various times between August 2011 and July 2015, according to Deputy District Attorney Guillermo Santiso.
My News LA

Guilty: man who murdered Modoc County deputy could face death penalty
A man who was accused of shooting and killing a Modoc County, California deputy has been found guilty. In October 2016, Deputy Jack Hopkins responded to a family disturbance call. When he arrived at the scene, he was fatally shot. The suspect, Jack Breiner, went on to engage in a shootout with Sheriff Mike Poindexter, but he was eventually arrested.
KOBI

Drunken woman driver killed own sister, five others: 30 years-to-life in prison
A San Bernardino County woman who had been previously warned about the perils of drunken driving was sentenced Wednesday to 30 years to life in prison for causing a wrong-way crash that killed six people, including her own sister, on the Pomona (60) Freeway in Diamond Bar. Calling it a "tragic case," Superior Court Judge Lisa B. Lench imposed the maximum sentence that Olivia Carolee Culbreath, 26, of Fontana, could face as a result of her May 22 no-contest plea to six counts of second-degree murder.
My News LA

Convicted sex offender once busted photographing children at mall sentenced for child porn
A convicted sex offender from North Hills who was spotted photographing children at a Granada Hills strip mall was sentenced Tuesday to more than seven years behind bars for possession of child pornography. Warren Alec Johnson, 57, was also ordered to serve under supervised release restrictions for the rest of his life following his 87-month term in federal prison.
NBC4

Los Angeles County

L.A. County prosecutors secure nearly $1 million for training, prosecution of drugged driving cases
Los Angeles County prosecutors are set to receive $981,000 in state and federal funds next year to investigate and prosecute DUI cases involving marijuana and other drugs, authorities announced Monday. The money will go to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office DUI Training and Prosecution Section, "which is tasked with reviewing, and in some instances, prosecuting DUI drug cases that result in a homicide," the District Attorney's Office said in a written statement.
KTLA

New sheriff faces potential $101 million budget deficit
As Sheriff Jim McDonnell prepares to step down from his post, a report delivered to county officials Nov. 27 on the department's $3.3 billion budget makes clear just how complicated a job his successor Alex Villanueva faces. The report was submitted to the Board of Supervisors by McDonnell, Chief Executive Officer Sachi Hamai and Auditor-Controller John Naimo without comment or discussion. McDonnell was not present at the meeting.
Los Angeles Wave

County probation gets grant to monitor high-risk DUI offenders
Los Angeles County has been awarded a $299,377.00 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to the county Probation Department, ensuring that high-risk, repeat DUI offenders with suspended or revoked licenses are complying with all court orders. "The Los Angeles County Probation Department is pleased to again be a recipient of the Office of Traffic Safety grant," stated Chief Probation Officer Terri L. McDonald.
Press Release

Clearing a road to permanency and stability for LA County foster youth
On December 4, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed two motions to improve permanency and food security among transition-age foster youth. Tuesday's unanimously approved initiatives are the latest in a series of motions focused on improving outcomes for

foster youth as they age out of LA County's child welfare system.
Witness LA

Sanitation Districts' general manager steered business to husband's law firm, complaints allege
The general manager of Los Angeles County's Sanitation Districts helped steer contracts to her husband's law firm and did not properly report his income when disclosing her economic interests, according to complaints sent to the state Fair Political Practices Commission and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. The FPPC and the D.A.'s Office are in the process of reviewing allegations against Grace Robinson Hyde, according to the agencies.
Pasadena Star News

L.A. City Council President Herb Wesson launches bid for county supervisor
Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson said Monday he is running in 2020 for a seat on the county Board of Supervisors, looking to represent roughly 2 million people in a district stretching from Carson to Culver City. In a fundraising blast to supporters, Wesson said he is looking to serve the district being vacated by departing Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who faces term limits in two years.
Los Angeles Times

Motion would boost investment in LA County's My Brother's Keeper initiative to $1 million
Next Tuesday, December 11, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will consider a motion to more than match the Obama Foundation's recently announced $425,000 award to LA justice initiatives through the "My Brother's Keeper" Challenge Competition. Last month the Obama Foundation announced that 19 community organizations would receive money and support for launching new programs and expanding existing programs focused on violence prevention and establishing clear paths to opportunity for young men and boys of color.
Witness LA

L.A. County agrees to new policies to end the jail-to-skid row cycle for mentally ill people
Los Angeles County agreed Thursday to new jail-release planning policies designed to interrupt the incarceration-to-skid row pipeline for inmates with mental illness and dementia. The new procedures are aimed at stabilizing an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 mentally ill inmates who leave jail each month and at helping them find housing, benefits and employment and thus avoid reoffending.
Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles County Sheriff

LA County's new sheriff sworn in
Alex Villanueva was sworn in as Los Angeles County's new sheriff Monday following his defeat of incumbent Jim McDonnell in the Nov. 6 election. Villanueva, a retired sheriff's lieutenant, took the oath of office during a ceremony at East Los Angeles College. With the race too close to call on election night, ballot counting continued for weeks, with Villanueva steadily expanding his lead as each update was released.
City News Service

New LA Sheriff ran on reform, but will he deliver?
When Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva took office Monday, he didn't address how he would fulfill promises to reform a scandal-ridden department and ensure his officers serve all residents, including immigrants, equitably. Villanueva, a Chicago-born retired LA County sheriff's lieutenant who first joined the force in 1986, is the first Democrat and first Latino to wear the sheriff's badge in the county in over 130 years.
Courthouse News Service

Alex Villanueva is the new sheriff of LA County. Here's why he's known as a maverick
Alex Villanueva has been sworn in as Los Angeles County's 33rd sheriff. He replaces now-former Sheriff Jim McDonnell, whom he defeated in a surprise upset in the November election. The swearing-in ceremony is being streamed live on Facebook, with L.A. County's Board of Supervisors, former state Sen. Kevin de León and other local politicians in attendance.
LAist

Alex Villanueva, the county's new top cop, has been quietly fighting for a political win for decades
Alex Villanueva has long known the feeling of not fitting in. He ran from bullies as a young boy in New York, before moving to Puerto Rico where he quickly had to learn Spanish. He would walk to school along sugar cane fields there, reading books the whole way. As a deputy in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, he was ridiculed for writing a report accusing his bosses of discriminating against Latinos.
Los Angeles Times

Consumer News

Amazon fakes, fraud and scams await holiday shoppers
Consumers looking to Amazon for holiday purchases should recognize that Amazon is not a safe marketplace, nor providing authentic goods. Consumers may, in fact, be purchasing counterfeit, fake or replica goods for themselves, or as gifts, that are dangerous or deadly. One-half of Amazon's sales are from unvetted third-party global sellers, many from China. Most consumers would be shocked to learn Amazon is direct retailer of counterfeit goods; "ships from and sold by Amazon.com."

The Counterfeit Report

The public, police use new tools to fight theft by 'porch pirates'
If Black Friday felt a little less hectic, thank porch deliveries. A record $7.9 billion was spent online in the United States this year on that day, according to an estimate by software company Adobe - an increase of 19.3 percent over just the year before. So that battalion of trucks you see out there dropping off packages this holiday season is bigger than ever. Probably, sadly, so is the parade of prowling so-called "porch pirates."
Southern California News Group

Corrections

State board sets parole date for local man convicted of murdering prominent county official
State officials confirm the state parole board has set a release date for a man convicted in one of the biggest murder cases of the 1980's. It's a big development for convicted murderer Robert Mistriel but doesn't necessarily mean he'll be released from prison. Mistriel was convicted of first-degree murder in the 1982 killing of then Kern County Human Resources Director Ed Buck.
KGET

Probe of drugs in San Quentin death row; two inmates die in two days
An investigation is underway to determine how drugs made it to death row at San Quentin State Prison, where two inmates died in their cells this week, corrections officials said Wednesday. Officials were awaiting the results of an autopsy to determine if the deaths were related to drug use, according to a statement from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
Marin Independent Journal

Burgum's budget would build new State Hospital near current location
The North Dakota State Hospital would get a new building in Jamestown with the old campus repurposed as a minimum-custody correctional facility for men, according to Gov. Doug Burgum's executive budget released Wednesday. The budget proposal provides the Department of Human Services with $35 million from Legacy Fund earnings to build an 80-bed Behavioral Health State Hospital, clinic, social service center and boiler building.
Forum News Service

California / National

Bail reform may go to the ballot
Proponents of a referendum campaign to repeal bail reform legislation in

California submitted a petition of nearly 600,000 signatures to elections officials last week, according to a Nov. 20 press release. Senate Bill 10 - passed in August and set to go into effect in October of 2019 - would eliminate the California cash bail system for suspects awaiting trial and replace it with risk-assessment algorithms.
Calaveras Enterprise

Kaiser Permanente launches $6M in grants for SoCal mental health agencies
Kaiser Permanente Southern California on Dec. 3 announced a $6 million initiative to bolster mental and behavioral health services throughout the region. The five-year community mental health and wellness initiative by the Pasadena-based health care system awarded an initial $1.3 million grant shared by 16 local mental health agencies.
Los Angeles Business Journal

Member of 'Texas 7' gang executed for officer's killing
A member of the notorious "Texas 7" gang of escaped prisoners was executed Tuesday evening for the fatal shooting of a suburban Dallas police officer during a Christmas Eve robbery nearly 18 years ago. Joseph Garcia received a lethal injection at the state penitentiary in Huntsville for the December 2000 shooting death of 29-year-old Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins.
AP

Society

Board to consider continuation of county-funded inmate shuttle service
Riverside County supervisors are scheduled Tuesday to vote on whether to continue funding a program that covers the cost of taxi rides for inmates released from the Byrd Detention Center in French Valley when they don't have enough money to pay their own way. Riverside Inmate Destination Endeavor, or RIDE, was implemented in June 2014 as a pilot program conceived by then-Supervisor Jeff Stone.
My News LA

California wildfires accelerated climate change as much as a whole year of power use
California's 2018 fire season, including the largest fire in state history, released nearly as much climate-warming and air-polluting emissions as a year's worth of electricity use there. The wildfires released 68 million tons of carbon dioxide in 2018, according to the US Geological Survey, or 15% of the state's total emissions. For comparison, all electricity use in California in 2016 produced roughly 76 million tons in emissions.
Quartz

Janus

Judge says SCOTUS ruling on agency fees has no retroactive effect
A federal judge in Seattle has ruled that a public-sector union's "good faith" belief in the legality of agency fees it charged nonmembers shields it from having to pay back money it collected before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that such fees are unconstitutional. U.S. District Judge Robert Bryan on Thursday said that even though the high court had hinted for years that it could overturn decades-old precedent allowing unions to collect fees from public workers who were not members to cover the cost of collective bargaining, an Association of Federal, State and Municipal Employees council could not have known that the court would strike them down until it did so in a June ruling in Janus v. AFSCME.
Reuters

Guns

Study: Gun control laws have no impact on suicide, homicide
The Violence Prevention Research Program (VPRP) at UC Davis and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health conducted a study about the impact California's gun control laws have had on homicide and suicide rates over the last 10 years. Wait for it... Researchers found that the Golden State's gun control laws had absolutely no impact. And, even more surprising, the study's lead researcher found that the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) is severely flawed.
The Morning News

Here we go: Gun control advocates in California now want to tax semi-automatic firearms
California Assemblyman Marc Levine (D) has proposed a new gun control measure: taxing the sale of semi-automatic firearms and using the money to support gun violence prevention programs, The Sacramento Bee reported. The proposal was a direct result of the shooting at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks. "The goal is fewer gun deaths," Levine said in a statement.
Townhall

The Health 202: As medical community speaks out on gun violence, Democrats vow to push legislation
After an Oct. 27 shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue, a Nov. 7 shooting 7 in a country-music bar in Thousand Oaks, Calif., and then another at a hospital in Chicago two weeks ago, the medical community took to social media to express outrage, creating hashtags and Twitter accounts dedicated to speaking out about gun violence and calling for movement on gun policies.
Washington Post

Homeless

Telfair Elementary: The heart of LAUSD's homeless crisis could become ground zero for change
If LA Unified's growing student homeless crisis had an epicenter, Telfair Elementary in the northeast San Fernando Valley would be it. Last year the school had the highest percentage of homeless students; so far this year, it's tied for first place. And as the district explores expanding support for its estimated 16,000 homeless students, Telfair could be first in line for help - and a model for the rest of LA Unified.
LA School Report

LA rejects appeal to stop Weingart's affordable housing project on Skid Row
The Los Angeles City Planning Commission unanimously rejected an appeal brought by business owners and residents to stop Weingart Center's planned two-building affordable housing project in Skid Row. The city approved the $138 million plan earlier this month. Weingart, a homeless services provider, will develop the buildings at 554-562 S. San Pedro Street.
The Real Deal

Pensions

A grand experiment in retirement savings gets under way in California
Zachary Davis, who with a partner owns a small ice cream plant, two ice cream shops and a cafe in Santa Cruz, started offering a health care plan to his staff before he legally had to. He wanted to offer a 401(k) plan, but the cost and "compliance challenges" were simply too high, he said. "It was going to cost $8,000 to $10,000 for the audit and setup," he added. "Then there was the administration."
San Francisco Chronicle

L.A. City Council votes in favor of changes to fraud-tainted DROP program
Changes to the fraud-tainted Deferred Retirement Option Plan for police and firefighters, aimed at making it less susceptible to abuse, were tentatively approved Tuesday by the Los Angeles City Council. The DROP program allows employees of the Los Angeles police and fire departments and some other public safety officers who enter the program near the end of their careers to collect their pensions for five years while also collecting their paychecks - but the payments keep coming even if the worker is sidelined due to injury or illness.
My News LA

'There's going to be a lot of very nervous public employees:' Court to hear pension case
The California Supreme Court this week will hear a lawsuit that could unravel a piece of Gov. Jerry Brown's marquee pension law by reinstating a perk he eliminated five years ago. The high stakes case

tests the so-called California Rule, the legal precedent that forbids California government agencies from reducing retirement benefits without offering workers some kind of compensation to offset a loss in income.
Sacramento Bee

For more ADDA news and information, visit www.laadda.com.

Association of Deputy District Attorneys, 515 S. Flower St., 18th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071

SafeUnsubscribe™ brandon.kutches@sfgov.org

Forward this email | Update Profile | About our service provider

Sent by newswatch@laadda.com